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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6141

BILL NUMBER: SB 26

DATE PREPARED: Feb 8, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 8, 2001

SUBJECT: Reimbursement of Counties for Housing Inmates.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that if the Department of Correction (DOC) has a contract with a county for the housing of offenders in the county jail, the Department must reimburse the county for every day an offender is actually housed in the county jail, starting from the date of sentencing.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The average number of offenders who serve their sentences in county jails is an estimated 1,350. Under Indiana's current budget, DOC begins to pay a reimbursement of \$35 per day after the fifth day in jail. Assuming that this policy will remain in the next biennium budget, the additional cost for these offenders would be an estimated \$236,250 (1,350 offenders x 5 days x \$35 per day).

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Counties would be reimbursed \$236,250 for the first five days that offenders who are sentenced to the custody of DOC but who serve their sentences in county jails.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction,

Local Agencies Affected: County sheriffs.

Information Sources: Offender Population Statistical Report for the Month of June, 2000 and FY 2000, Department of Correction.